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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed December 10, 2003 and responsive to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) mailed April 9, 2004, Applicant submits the following Preliminary Amendment.

The amendments and remarks relate to the deletion of references to the omitted Figure 5 and the renumbering of the originally filed figures, as well as to the corresponding changes in the originally filed Specification.

Prior to the examination of this patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks and attachments.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete Page 3, lines 15 and 16.

Please replace Page 3, line 17 with the following amended sentence:

FIGURE 5 is a top plane view of the packaging system shown in FIGURE 4;